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*Benjamin Franklin*

Provincial Gov. Master of the Province of Pennsylvania, 1734.



*Wm. J. St. Clair of Roselin*

FIRST GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND, 1736.



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GRAND SECRETARY OF SCOTLAND, HISTORIOGRAPHER  
OF THE "MOTHER LODGE KILWINNING," THE  
"LODGE OF EDINBURGH," ETC.



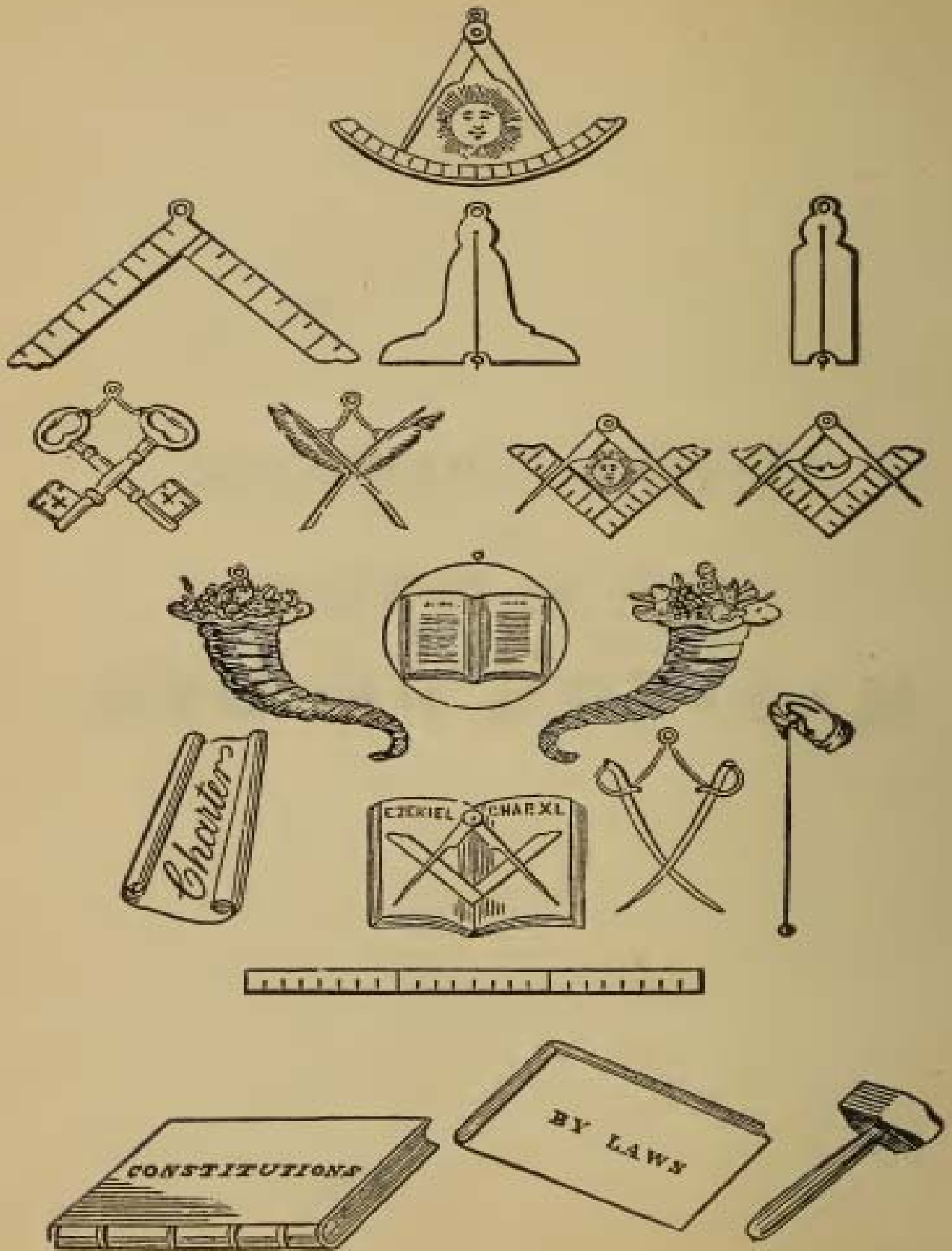
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In youth, to God let memory cling,  
Before desire shall fail or wane,  
Or e'er be loosed life's silver string,  
Or bowl at fountain rent in twain;  
For man to his long home doth go,  
And mourners group around his urn!  
Our dust to dust again must flow,  
And spirits unto God return.



FRIENDSHIP.

MORALITY.

BROTHERLY LOVE.

The *working tools* of a Master Mason, which are illustrated in this section, are all the implements of Masonry indiscriminately, but more especially the *trowel*.







not a single Templar escaped : they were slain to a man, and the dead bodies of the Master and his ill-fated knights were exposed in triumph from the walls.\*

BERTRAND DE  
BLANQUEFORT.  
A. D. 1154.

De Tremelay was succeeded (A. D. 1154) by Brother Bertrand de Blanquefort, a knight of a noble family of Guienne, called by William of Tyre a pious and God-fearing man.

The Templars continued to be the foremost in every encounter with the Mussulmen, and the Monkish writers exult in the number of infidels they sent to *hell*. A proportionate number of the fraternity must at the same time have ascended to *heaven*, for the slaughter amongst them was terrific. On Tuesday, June 19, A. D. 1156, they were drawn into an ambuscade whilst marching with Baldwin, king of Jerusalem, near Tiberias, three hundred of the brethren were slain on the field of battle, and eighty-seven fell into the hands of the enemy, among whom was Bertrand de Blanquefort himself, and Brother Odo, marshal of the kingdom.† Shortly afterwards, thirty Knights Templars put to flight, slaughtered, and captured, two hundred infidels ;‡ and in a night attack on the camp of Nouredin, they compelled that famous chieftain to fly, without arms and half-naked, from the field of battle. In this last affair the names of Robert Mansel, an Englishman, and Gilbert de Lacy, preceptor of the Temple of Tripoli, are honourably mentioned.§ The services of the Templars were gratefully acknowledged in Europe, and the Pope, in a letter written in their behalf to the Archbishop of Rheims, his legate in France, cha-

\* *Anselmi Gemblacensis Chron.* ad ann. 1153. *Will. Tyr.* lib. xvii. cap. 27.

† Captus est inter cæteros ibi Bertrandus de Blanquefort, Magister Militiæ Templi, vir religiosus ac timens Deum. *Will. Tyr.* lib. xviii. cap. 14. *Registr. epist.* apud *Martene vet. script.* tom. ii. col. 647.

‡ Milites Templi circa triginta, ducentos Paganorum euntes ad nuphas verterent in fugam, et divino præsidio comitante, omnes partim ceperunt, partim gladio trucidarunt. *Registr. epist. ut sup.* col. 647.

§ *Will. Tyr.* lib. xix. cap. 8.



racterizes them as “New Maccabees, far famed and most valiant champions of the Lord.” “The assistance,” says the Pope, “rendered by those holy warriors to all Christendom, their zeal and valour, and untiring exertions in defending from the persecution and subtilty of the filthy Pagans, those sacred places which have been enlightened by the corporal presence of our Saviour, we doubt not have been spread abroad throughout the world, and are known, not only to the neighbouring nations, but to all those who dwell at the remotest corners of the earth.” The holy pontiff exhorts the archbishop to procure for them all the succour possible, both in men and horses, and to exert himself in their favour among all his suffragan bishops.\*

BERTRAND DE  
BLANQUEFORT.  
A. D. 1154.

The fiery zeal and warlike enthusiasm of the Templars were equalled, if not surpassed, by the stern fanaticism and religious ardour of the followers of Mahomet. “Noureddin fought,” says his oriental biographer, “like the meanest of his soldiers, saying, ‘Alas! it is now a long time that I have been seeking martyrdom without being able to obtain it.’ The Imaum Koteb-ed-din, hearing him on one occasion utter these words, exclaimed, ‘In the name of God do not put your life in danger, do not thus expose Islam and the Moslems. Thou art their stay and support, and if (but God preserve us therefrom) thou shouldest be slain, it will be all up with us.’ ‘Ah! Koteb-ed-deen,’ said he, ‘what hast thou said, who can save *Islam*† and our country, but that great God who has no equal?’ ‘What,’ said he, on another occasion, ‘do we not look to the security of our houses against robbers and plunderers, and shall we not defend religion?’”‡

\* *Epist.* xvi. S. Remensi archiepiscopo et ejus suffraganeis pro ecclesia Jerosolymitana et militibus Templi, apud *Martene vet. script.* tom. ii. col. 647.

† *Islam*, the name of the Mahometan religion. The word signifies literally, delivering oneself up to God.

‡ Keightley's Crusaders.



## FUNERAL DIRGE.

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SOLEMN strikes the funeral chime!  
Notes of our departing time,  
As we journey here below,  
Through a pilgrimage of woe!

Mortals now indulge a tear,  
For mortality is near!  
See how wide her trophies wave,  
O'er the slumbers of the grave!

Here another guest we bring!  
Seraphs of celestial wing,  
To our funeral altar come—  
Waft this Friend and Brother home!

Lord of all! below—above—  
Fill our hearts with Truth and Love!  
When dissolves our earthly tie,  
Take us to thy Lodge on high!



CABINET  
PORTRAIT

*Davis*

QUALITE  
SUPERIEURE.

# FORMS FOR MASONIC DOCUMENTS.

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## FORM OF A DISPENSATION TO FORM A NEW LODGE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ :

Your petitioners respectfully represent that they are *Ancient, Free, and Accepted Master Masons*. Having the prosperity of the Fraternity at heart, they are willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Masonry. For the convenience of their respective dwellings, and for other good reasons, they are desirous of forming a new Lodge in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, to be named \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge. In consequence of this desire, and for the good of the Craft, they pray for a warrant, or dispensation, to empower them to assemble as a legal Lodge, to discharge the duties of Masonry in the several degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-Craft, and Master Mason, in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the ancient form of the Fraternity, and the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge. That they have nominated and do recommend \_\_\_\_\_ to be the first Master, \_\_\_\_\_ to be the first Senior Warden, and \_\_\_\_\_ to be the first Junior Warden of said Lodge; that, if the prayer of the petition should be granted, they promise a strict conformity to all the constitutional laws, rules, and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

This petition must be signed by at least eight regular Master Masons, one of whom must be of the degree of Past Master, and recommended by the Lodge nearest the place where the new Lodge is to be held. It must be delivered to the Grand Secretary, whose duty it is to lay it before the Grand Lodge. In the recess of the Grand Lodge, application should be made in the same form to the Grand Master.

After a charter is granted by the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master appoints a day and hour for consecrating, dedicating, and constituting the new Lodge, and for installing the Master, Wardens, and other officers.

The Grand Master has power to appoint some worthy *Past Master*, with full power to consecrate, dedicate, and constitute the new Lodge, and install its officers.

FORM OF RECOMMENDATION.

HALL OF \_\_\_\_\_ LODGE, No. \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18—, A. L. 58—.

This is to certify that at a stated meeting of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, held at the Lodge Room, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18—, A. L. 58—, a petition was presented, addressed to the M. W. Grand Lodge (or Grand Master), signed by Bros. (*here insert names of petitioners*), and praying for a dispensation to establish a new Lodge in the town of \_\_\_\_\_. Whereupon, on motion, it was resolved (the vote being by ballot) that this Lodge recommend the establishment of said proposed Lodge. \*



In witness whereof, I have subscribed my name, \_\_\_\_\_, W. M. and caused the seal of our said Lodge to be affixed.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, SEC'Y.

The Lodge recommending and vouching for the petitioners should add, after the \* in the foregoing form, these words:

*Resolved further*, That this Lodge vouches that said petitioners are men of good moral character, and are possessed of the proper Masonic qualifications, being competent to confer the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-Craft, and Master Mason, and to conduct properly the business and ceremonies of a Lodge without assistance from others.

FORM OF A PROXY FROM THE GRAND MASTER TO A PRESENT OR PAST MASTER TO CONSECRATE, DEDICATE, AND CONSTITUTE A NEW LODGE, AND TO INSTALL THE OFFICERS.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE }  
OF F. AND A. MASONS OF THE STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_, }  
\_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18—, A. L. 58—.

*To all whom it may concern—greeting :*

Know ye, that, reposing full confidence in the skill and Masonic ability of our Worshipful Brother \_\_\_\_\_, I, Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge of \_\_\_\_\_

do, by these presents, constitute and appoint him my Proxy, for me and in my name, to consecrate, dedicate, and constitute \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. —, and to install the officers thereof in due and ancient form, he making due return to me of his doings in the premises.



Given under my hand and private seal, at \_\_\_\_\_, the day and year first above written.

M. W. GRAND MASTER.

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### PETITION TO BE PRESENTED BY A CANDIDATE FOR INITIATION.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. —, of F. and A. Masons:*

The petition of the subscriber respectfully showeth, that having long entertained a favorable opinion of your ancient institution, he is desirous of being admitted a member thereof, if found worthy.

His place of residence is \_\_\_\_\_; his age, \_\_\_\_\_ years; his occupation, \_\_\_\_\_.

Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_ (Signed) A. B.

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### PETITION FOR AFFILIATION.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. —:*

The petition of the subscriber respectfully represents that he is a Master Mason, and has regularly dimitted from \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. —, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of \_\_\_\_\_, and is desirous of becoming a member of your Lodge.

His residence is \_\_\_\_\_; his occupation is \_\_\_\_\_. Should his petition be granted, he promises obedience to the by-laws and regulations of your Lodge,

Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_ (Signed) A. B.

This petition should be accompanied with a Dimit.

PETITION FOR A DISPENSATION TO CONFER DEGREES  
ON, OR BALLOT FOR A CANDIDATE IN LESS THAN  
THE REGULAR TIME.

HALL OF \_\_\_\_\_ LODGE, No. —, }  
\_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18—, A. L. 58—.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of \_\_\_\_\_ :

By a vote of this Lodge, I am instructed to ask you for a dispensation to pass the ballot (*or confer the degrees, as the case may be*) for M. A. B., who has petitioned this Lodge for initiation, (*or is anxious to receive the degrees of F. C. and M. M. as the case may be*), at a special meeting to be called for that purpose.

M. A. B. is \_\_\_\_\_ years of age; his residence is \_\_\_\_\_; his occupation is \_\_\_\_\_. The case is one of emergency, for the reasons following: [*Here state at length the reasons why a dispensation should be granted in the case*].

O. P., W. MASTER.



APPLICATION FOR A DIMIT.

\_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18—, A. L. 58—.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge,  
No. \_\_\_\_\_.

The undersigned, a Master Mason, and member in good standing in your Lodge, respectfully asks to withdraw from membership, and that a dimit be issued to him certifying such fact.

(Signed)

A. B.

As every Mason (unless prevented by circumstances) should be affiliated with some Lodge, whereby he may contribute to the support of its funds for relief, reasons ought to be set forth in the Dimit stating why application is made therefor.

APPLICATION FOR A DIPLOMA

May be made verbally by the applicant in person, or through any brother.



## FORM OF A DIMIT.

Hall of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, held at \_\_\_\_\_, by authority of the Grand Lodge of \_\_\_\_\_. I hereby certify that at a \_\_\_\_\_ meeting of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18\_\_\_\_, A. L. 58\_\_\_\_, Bro. \_\_\_\_\_, by consent of said Lodge, withdrew his membership from the same, he being at the time a worthy Master Mason, [*here state Masonic official rank, P. M., P. S. W., etc., as the case may be*], in good standing, and having paid all dues assessed against him.

By order of said Lodge.

\_\_\_\_\_, Sec'y.



## FORM OF PROXY REPRESENTATIVE.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Ancient and Accepted York Masons, of the State of \_\_\_\_\_.*

In consequence of the legal representative of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, held at \_\_\_\_\_, in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, being unable to attend the Grand Lodge, at its ensuing Grand Communication, Bro. \_\_\_\_\_ was, therefore, at the (stated or special) meeting of said Lodge, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18\_\_\_\_, A. L. 58\_\_\_\_, duly appointed and constituted as the representative of the said Lodge.

Reposing full confidence in his integrity, skill, and ability to represent the same, I have therefore caused the Secretary to affix the seal of the Lodge hereto.

\_\_\_\_\_, W. M.



\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary.

## FORM OF KEEPING RECORDS OF A LODGE.

A stated communication of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. —, was holden at \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18—, A. L. 58—.

Present: Bro. A. B., W. Master; Bro. B. C., S. Warden; Bro. C. D., J. Warden; Bro. D. E., Treasurer; Bro. E. F., Secretary; Bro. F. G., S. Deacon; Bro. G. I., J. Deacon; Bro. H. L., Tyler.

*Members*—Bros. L. M., M. N., N. O., O. P.

*Visitors*—Bros. P. Q., Q. R., R. S.

A Lodge of Master Masons was opened in due form.

The minutes of the last stated, and intervening special communications, were read and approved.

The committee on the petition of Mr. C. B., a candidate for initiation, reported favorably.

The committee on the petition of Mr. D. C., a candidate for initiation, reported unfavorably.

The petition of Mr. E. F., a candidate for initiation, was withdrawn.

A petition for initiation from Mr. G. F., inclosing the sum of — dollars, and recommended by Bros. C. D. and H. L., received and referred to a committee of investigation consisting of Bros. G. H., L. M., and O. P.

A petition of Bro. R. S., for membership, accompanied with the sum of — dollars, received and referred to a committee of investigation, consisting of Bros. T. W., M. L., and E. D., to report at the next stated meeting.

A balloting was had for the initiation of Mr. C. B., which was found clear, and he declared duly elected.

A ballot was also had upon the petition for initiation of Mr. D. C., which was not clear, and he was declared rejected.

Bro. T. Y., a Fellowcraft, having made application to be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and having been examined in an open Lodge of Fellowcrafts as to his proficiency in that degree, which examination being satisfactory, and his fee of — dollars paid to the Secretary, a balloting was had, found clear, and he declared duly elected.

Bro. S. K. offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to purchase a set of jewels for this Lodge.

And thereupon the W. Master appointed Bros. G. M., K. R., and S. T. said committee.

Bro. T. Y. was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, in due and ancient form.

Bro. S. L., a Fellowcraft, made application to be raised to the degree of Master Mason.

The Lodge of Master Masons was called from labor to refreshment, and a Lodge of Entered Apprentices was opened in due form.

Mr. C. B. was initiated an Entered Apprentice in due and ancient form.

Bro. D. J., an Entered Apprentice, having made application to be passed to the degree of Fellowcraft, was examined as to his proficiency in the degree of Entered Apprentice.

There being no further business, the Lodge of Entered Apprentices was closed in due form, and a Lodge of Fellowcrafts was duly opened.

Bro. S. L. was examined as to his proficiency in the degree of Fellowcraft.

There being no further business, the Lodge of Fellowcrafts was closed in due form, and the Master Masons' Lodge called from refreshment to labor.

The examination of Bro. S. L. being satisfactory, and his fee of — dollars being paid to the Secretary, a balloting was ordered, found clear, and he declared duly elected.

A letter was read from Mrs. T. V., the widow of a Master Mason, when the sum of — dollars was voted for her relief.

An appropriation of — dollars was also made to the relief of Brother \_\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_.

#### FEEES RECEIVED THIS EVENING.

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| Petition of Mr. G. F.....  | \$ — —       |
| Fee of Bro. R. S.....      | — —          |
| Fee of Bro. T. Y.....      | — —          |
| Total amount received..... | ————— \$ — — |

All of which was paid to the Secretary.

There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in due form and harmony.

A. B., W. MASTER.

E. F., SECRETARY.

❖ SOUVENIR PROGRAM ❖



K.O.T.M.

RECORD

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OUR PLEDGE



Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Woodworth furnish all the music for balls, theaters, etc.

Mrs. Cora Stebbins has few equals upon the piano, and surely none in affability.

A number might be mentioned who are excellent performers, but these are the most prominent musicians of the village, and they deserve special mention.

WABON LODGE NO. 305, A. F. & A. M.

This lodge was instituted in 1871. The early records were destroyed by fire, which makes it impossible to give but a passing notice of its early history. The first officers were: Albert Fox, W. M.; W. W. H. Gavitt, S. W.; W. H. Harris, J. W.; I. A. Fancher, Treas.; John Manners, Sec.; L. J. Worden, S. D.; Charles Worden, J. D.; and A. B. Balcom, Tyler. The charter members were the following named gentlemen: A. Fox, William N. Harris, William H. Gavitt, John Maxwell, Isaac A. Fancher, Seth T. Worden, Charles E. Worden, James Fockler, De Los Bramon, A. B. Balcom, Charles O. Curtis, and H. M. Gilman.

Wabon Lodge is now one of the best working lodges in Central Michigan, and the present Master, D. Scott Partridge, is peculiarly well fitted for the place he occupies. For several years he has served the brethren in the capacity of Master, and their feelings toward him is well understood by the presentation speech delivered by Dr. S. C. Brown, Dec. 12, 1883, and given on page 445 of this volume.

The officers elect for the ensuing Masonic year are: D. Scott Partridge, W. M.; Wm. A. Starkweather, S. D.; Daniel M. Witt, J. D.; Myron A. Nott, Treas.; William I. Cutler, Sec.; Thomas Sampson, S. D.; Moses Brown, J. D., and John Maxwell, Chaplain.

The prosperity of Wabon Lodge is only equalled by the harmony and good feeling which prevail among the brethren.

MT. PLEASANT CHAPTER, NO. III, R. A. M., was organized Feb. 4, 1884. The dispensation was

granted authorizing them to work April 9, 1883. The charter members of this order were: Messrs. Robert Laughlin, Mark F. Fasquelle, John R. Robinson, Silenus A. Simons, D. Scott Partridge, C. O. Curtis, P. F. Doods, E. F. McQueen, Wm. A. Osborn, Cicero Kimball, I. N. Shepherd, John Maxwell, Samuel Kennedy, Richard Hoy, James B. Kennedy and Henry Struble.

The first officers elect were: Robert Laughlin, H. P.; M. F. Fasquelle, K.; J. R. Robinson, S.; S. A. Simons, Treas.; D. Scott Partridge, Sec.; Chas. O. Curtis, C. H.; P. F. Doods, P. S.; E. F. McQueen, R. A. C.; Wm. A. Osborn, G. M. 3d V.; C. Kimball, G. M. 2d V.; Jno. Maxwell, G. M. 1st V., and I. N. Shepherd, Sentinel.

Wm. T. Whitney was the first one to receive the degree of the Holy Royal Arch.

The present officials are: Robert Laughlin, H. P.; M. F. Fasquelle, K.; I. N. Shepherd, S.; D. Scott Partridge, C. H.; E. F. McQueen, P. S.; W. J. Corbus, Treas.; Wm. T. Whitney, Sec.; John Maxwell, 3d G. M.; Cicero Kimball, 2d G. M.; John Richmond, 1st G. M.; Chas. C. Whitney, Sentinel, and John R. Robinson, Chaplain.

The chapter is in a flourishing condition. They are pleasantly located in the lodge rooms of No. 305, A. F. & A. M.

KNIGHTS OF THE MACCABEES.

The lodge was instituted March 17, 1884, with a membership of 22 persons. The order is calculated to promote friendship and brotherly love, besides being a mutual relief association. The officers are: F. H. Tyler, Past Commander; Charles T. Russell, Commander; V. F. Conlogue, Lieut.; Fred Russell, R. K.; F. W. Ralph, F. K.; W. C. Dusenbury, P.; F. H. Tyler, Physician; J. J. Kitchen, Sergeant; J. B. VanFossen, M. A. A.; O. W. Stebbins, 1st M. of G.; F. C. Prince, 2nd M. of G.; I. L. Swan, Sentinel; and W. R. Sturgis, Picket.





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Oliver C. Gray, 1861\*

James A. Rhoads, 1862\*

John B. Peckham, 1863\*

Thomas J. Wade, 1864 and 6\* George J. Burgess, 1865\*

George W. Lininger, 1867\*

William L. Gibson, 1868\*

\*Deceased.





PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS.

Edward H. Smith, 1877-8-9, 82-3\*

Robert M. McArthur, 1880\*

Cairo D. Trimble, 1881\*

Theodore C. Gibson, 1884-5\*

\*Deceased.

John F. Nash, 1869-76\*



CARL C. GIERS.

NASHVILLE, TENN.



PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS.

William L. Milligan, 1886-7, 91-2

Walter B. Titus, 1889-90\*

Albert F. Schoch, 1896-7-8-9

George A. Mills, 1888

Henry Mayo, 1893-4-5

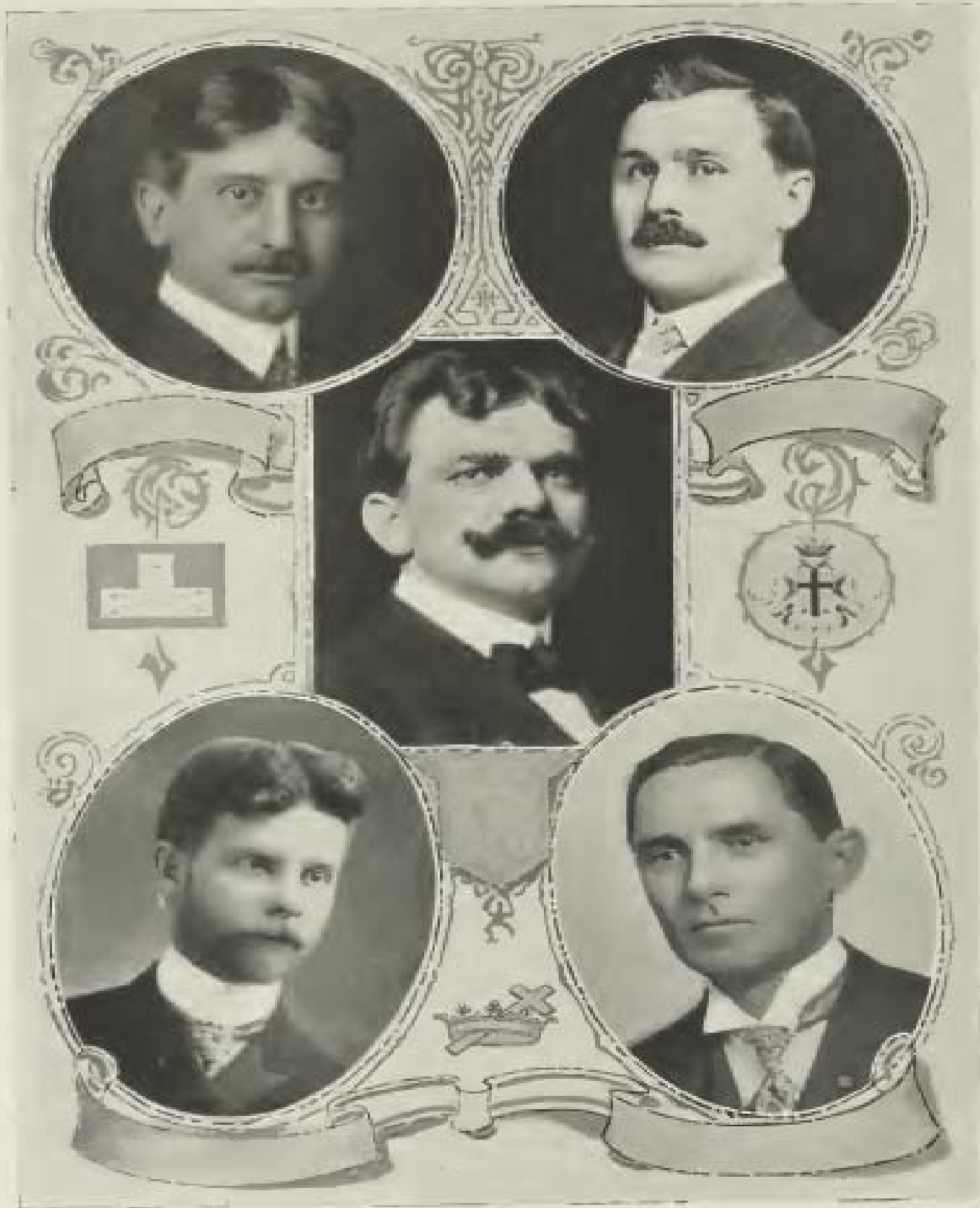
Joseph N. Dunaway, 1900-1\*

\*Deceased.



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PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS.

Edgar Eldredge, 1902

Henry L. Arnold, 1903-4

Herbert B. McKahin, 1905.

Irving D. Vincent, 1906

William D. Fullerton, 1907





# TABLEAU.

## Grand Encampment of Knights Templar UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

1880.

- M. E. Sir Vincent Lombard Hurlbut, Illinois, Grand Master.
- R. E. Sir Walter L. Bragg, Alabama, Deputy Grand Master.
- V. E. Sir Benjamin Dean, Massachusetts, Grand Generalissimo.
- V. E. Sir LaFayette Lyttle, Ohio, Grand Captain General.
- V. E. Rev. Sir Clinton Locke, Illinois, Grand Prelate.
- V. E. Sir Robert E. Withers, Virginia, Grand Senior Warden.
- V. E. Sir Benjamin B. Richardson, Texas, Grand Junior Warden.
- V. E. Sir John W. Simons, New York, Grand Treasurer.
- V. E. Sir Theodore T. Parvin, Iowa, Grand Recorder.
- V. E. Sir John W. Woodhull, Wisconsin, Grand Standard Bearer.
- V. E. Sir Charles Wm. Carter, Connecticut, Grand Sword Bearer.
- V. E. Sir Orin Welch, New York, Grand Warder.
- V. E. Sir Hiram T. Graves, California, Grand Captain of the Guard.

## PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

### PAST GRAND MASTERS.

- M. E. Sir Henry L. Palmer, Wisconsin.
- M. E. Sir William Sewall Gardner, Massachusetts.

### Freemasonry.

We have heard persons, apparently in good faith, declare that Masonry seeks to set itself up as a kind of religion, thus inculcating teachings which find expression in the saying of some of the members, that "they want no better religion than Masonry." Certainly no one connected with the Order will claim that it teaches anything like a religious dogma, or that it fails to inculcate the broadest catholicity of thought and feeling, and at the same time is founded upon the broadest principles of morality. Grand Chaplain John G. Webster, of New York, once said :

"Freemasonry never yet, as I have heard, attempted to work miracles. It never yet infused brains into a cranium that had no cavity for their reception, nor did it ever send human blood coursing through a heart of granite. Its mission is to improve, not to create, and the material for its use must be capable of being moulded, or it cannot work it up. Again, Masonry is not religion, in a sectarian sense, nor a substitute for it, and he who pretends that, or declares it to be "a good enough religion" for him, hoists it out of its legitimate place, inflicts upon it a grievous wrong, and lays himself open to the suspicion of ignorance of its teachings. While it inculcates a firm faith in the Being and divine attributes of God, almighty and eternal, and while it includes within its acknowledged brotherhood, standing side by side upon the same level of manhood, my Hebrew brother, who worships God in unity, and myself, who worship him trine; and, while it presents to me, as it does not to him, the story of Messiah in many of its ceremonies; and while it inculcates to both of us alike, reverence of the Divine Being, attention to His word, and invocation for His aid in all of our laudable undertakings, it imposes upon neither religious dogma. It leaves that for a different department of man's duties. It is no substitute for that department, never was intended to be, and never will be pretended to be, by the well-instructed Mason."

